

September 20, 2004
Regular Meeting

Minutes

Members present

Lloyd Davis- Chairman
Brent Hunter- Vice- Chairman
Roger Evans- Commissioner
Johnny Myers- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
James Graham- County Attorney
Melinda Vestal- Clerk to the Board

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order. Commissioner Evans led the invocation. Jessica Dzeskewicz, Courtney Elementary Student, led the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Dzeskewicz highlighted activities at Courtney Elementary School.

Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner Hunter for getting the schools involved.

Public Hearing Zoning

Kim Bates, Zoning Supervisor, presented two zoning amendments:

- 1) Roby Swaim- request to change zoning from highway business to rural agriculture
- 2) William Hauser- request to change from highway business to rural agriculture

Chairman Davis opened the public hearing for comments.

There were no comments.

Chairman Davis closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing-E-911

India Trimble, E-911 Coordinator, presented a request to change Hwy 421 from Lydall Westex and Windsor Road intersection to the Wilkes County line to Wilkes-Yadkin Road.

Chairman Davis opened the public hearing for comments.

Commissioner Swaim inquired if the road could be called Yadkin-Wilkes instead of Wilkes–Yadkin?

Several citizens in attendance stated they did not receive notice of the road name change.

The Board asked Ms. Trimble about the process on notifying property owners.

The Board directed Ms. Trimble to resend letters to all property owners and the public hearing be rescheduled.

Chairman Davis closed the public hearing.

***Commissioner Myers made the motion to approve the zoning amendments for Roby Swaim and William Hauser. The properties will be rezoned rural agriculture. Commissioner Evans seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Myers made the motion to reschedule the public hearing on the proposed road name change to October 18th. Commissioner Hunter seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Public comments

Yancy St. John, Swan Creek, requested of the Board their support of the Swan Creek Road exit.

Chairman Davis stated the county has some on-going projects and they do not want to jeopardize them. They understand how important this is to the people in the Swan Creek area, but the other project will effect the entire county.

C.E. Robertson, Swan Creek, inquired about the other projects. He informed the Board that they do not want to jeopardize any other projects, but they would like the Board to support their efforts.

***Commissioner Evans made a motion to write a resolution to support Mr. St. John's efforts but this is not to interfere with on-going projects of the county. Commissioner Myers seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Dianne Doub, East Bend, inquired if the other project in question will require county tax dollars?

Peggy Boose, Boonville, offered the Board some suggestions on how to repay the proposed \$6 million loan for the schools.

C. E. Robertson, Swan Creek, stated he understands the needs of the schools, but can't the county raise the sales tax to help cover this expense.

Chairman Davis stated your representatives in Raleigh have control of the sales tax and he encouraged everyone to contact their representatives with their concerns.

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***Commissioner Evans made the motion to approve the minute as submitted. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Board of Education – land purchase

Karin Mendenhall, Chairman of BOE, presented a request to purchase 40 acres next to Starmount High School for \$10,000 an acre; net purchase to be \$8,750 per acre.

Commissioner Evans inquired about the cost and the need to purchase the land when there is no plan at this time to use the land?

Ms. Mendenhall stated the land may not be available later and the cost would/could increase.

The Board voted 4-1. Commissioner Evans opposed.

Housing- Caudle Mill Road

Mr. Wood discussed with the Board the house on Caudle Mill Road.

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to turn the house over to the Affordable Housing Group; a non –profit organization who fixes houses to resale under HUD requirements. Commissioner Myers seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

DOT- road petition-Stonebridge Drive, Ashton Court, Brittany Oaks

***Commissioner Evans made the motion to approve a road petition for Stonebridge Drive, Ashton Court and Brittany Oaks. Commissioner Myers seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

EMS-land purchase

Mr. Larry Adams, Director of Services & Development, presented two parcels of land for purchase to be used for an outpost station and command center. The first property is 1.3 acres located on old Hwy 421, ¼ mile from the current outpost station. The negotiated price of the property is \$12,000. The second parcel is 9.7 acres located SE of Reavis Road. The property is zoned highway business which makes a difference in the price. The negotiated price of the property is \$150,000.

There was discussion about the Reavis Road location

Mr. Adams recognized Mr. Brent Hawks and thanked him for all of his efforts with this project.

Mr. Hawks stated this location is easily accessible to Hwy 421 and would cut response time down.

Commissioner Evans also thanked Mr. Hawks for his efforts.

***Commissioner Evans made the motion to approve the purchase of both parcels of land for EMS. Commissioner Myers seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Zoning-public hearing

***Commissioner Hunter made the motion to set a public hearing for October 18th for several proposed zoning amendments. Commissioner Evans seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Evans inquired about taxes.

Attorney Graham stated the county collected \$140,000 from Nomus. Attorney Graham stated his office filed several foreclosures and mailed out late notices.

Commissioner Swaim stated he has enjoyed working with this Board and he has always felt he could express his opinions and vote his convictions. He stated there has been pressure by members of the Economic Development Council regarding his stand on promoting viticulture in the county. He is not anti-viticulture but he cannot support wine sales in Yadkin County now or later and if the Board of Commissioners wish, he will step down from his position on the Economic Development Council.

Commissioner Myers stated he respects Commissioner Swaim's decisions and would like to him to continue his service.

Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner Hunter for his efforts in organizing the 9-11 Memorial Service.

Chairman Davis questioned the concerns expressed by the new homeowner on the section of the road to be renamed and why the citizen stated he did not have an address?

Mr. Adams stated addresses are assigned per driveway access. He stated that Ms. Trimble did a good job with sending out the letters which asked property owners to call or send responses and she received none.

Chairman Davis questioned the number of property owners on the road.

Mr. Adams stated they would recheck and see what property owners may have been missed.

Manager comments

Mr. Wood stated federal officials notified him that there would not be any carry-over funds. These funds were going to be used to start clearing the land for the 5-D Project. The county will have to wait until the federal budget is adopted.

Mr. Wood stated members of the Board of Education and he went to Raleigh to talk with the LGC regarding the \$6 million loan.

Mr. Wood requested a closed session to consult with the Attorney.

***Commissioner Myers made the motion to go into closed session per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). Commissioner Evans seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Myers seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Myers informed the Board that DOT has delayed the Hwy 601 project.

Recess

***Commissioner Myers made the motion to recess the meeting until September 29th at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Hunter seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board